

ETEXT ATTACHMENT**12/16/2004 13 : 12**

In response to your letter of November 17, 2004 referencing the 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/1/04-10/13/04), Schedule E was filed on 10/13/04 for an Independent Expenditure to The Mercury Group in support of Thomas Coburn and George W. Bush. While the check to the Mercury Group was issued on 10/8/04, the radio advertising began on 10/13/04. The rules state that the expenditures must be reported on the day following the date on which independent expenditures are publicly distributed or disseminated. We interpret this to mean the date the advertising took place. The purpose of the expenditure should have referenced this date of 10/13/04 as the date on which the independent expenditure was publicly distributed or disseminated.